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Canker in Basmati Rice

3585. SHRI JEEVAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether canker in basmati rice has affected the export;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to eradicate canker in basmati rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). There is no disease in Basmati Rice known as Canker disease and as such there is no question of export trade being affected by the said disease.

Foreign Visits by External Affairs Minister and Foreign Secretaries

3586. SHRI CHANDRESH PATIL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign visits made by him, the Foreign Secretary and other Secretaries in the Ministry during the period from July 1 to November 15, 1991;

(b) the outcome of each such visit; and

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The information is contained in the enclosed Statement I, II, III and IV

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT I

Details of Visits of Minister of External Affairs Abroad (1.7.1991 to 15.11.1991)

S.No.	*Country visited*	*Dates of visit*		
1.	Maldives	3.7.91	-	4.7.91
2.	Mauritius	9.8.91	-	11.8.91
3.	Singapore	12.8.91		
4.	Ghana	2.9.91	-	7.9.91
5.	Kenya	9.9.91	-	10.9.91
6.	Germany	18.9.91	-	20.9.91
7.	U.K.	20.9.91	-	23.9.91
8.	New York (UN)	23.9.91	-	29.9.91
9.	Canada	30.9.91	-	3.10.91